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## Nesting eagles prompt closure at Longview Lake

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.—** An active bald eagle nest in the upper end of the Mouse Creek arm of Longview Lake has prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to temporarily close the area as a protective measure through the July 4.

In conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Missouri State Water Patrol, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department, the Corps has determined that protection of the nest is necessary as required by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The area has been buoyed off, and the public is required to stay out of the area. The buoys are easily identified by their white color and red marking of, "Boats-Keep Out."

Guidance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service directs that no activity be allowed within close proximity to the nest to prevent the disruption of nesting activities.

A violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act can result in a fine of \$100,000, imprisonment for one year, or both for a first offense. Penalties increase substantially for additional offenses. A second violation of this act is a felony.

A copy of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act is available at <http://permits.fws.gov/ltr/ltr.shtml>.

For more information, call the Corps' Longview Lake office at (816) 761-6194.

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